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1. At the beginning of June 1947 the 9th Bulgarian Infantry Regiment moved from Plovdiv to the mountainous region of Karamantza north of Smolyan. The regiment was quartered in private houses belonging to people who normally spend the summer in that region. The area was made a restricted zone.
  2. At the beginning of June the Bulgarian 2nd Infantry Regiment moved from Harmanli to Smolyan. This regiment is reported to have its base at Sliven.
  3. On 8 June 1947 the 2nd Battalion of Bulgarian Mountain Artillery reached Smolyan, moving from Stenimashka (or Chepelare). The three companies of this battalion were stationed as follows: The first company stayed at Smolyan, the second company was billeted at Rudozem, and the third at Ustovo.
  4. During the first ten days of June, war materiel (consisting of guns, ammunition, and commissary supplies) began to arrive in Smolyan and Rudozem. This materiel was transported in trucks by night from the interior of Bulgaria.

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